

REMARKS

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants have addressed the Examiner's concerns by amending the definition of R₃ to recite "C₁₋₆alkylaryl" in place of "aralkyl". "Aralkyl" is defined in the specification at page 5, line 17 as follows: "Aralkyl refers to the group C₁₋₆alkylaryl". As now claimed, "C₁₋₆alkylaryl" refers to a one to six alkyl moiety linked to an aryl moiety. "Aryl" is defined in the specification at page 5, lines 3-11 as including aromatic rings of from six to ten carbons. The amendments render Claim 1 definite. As amended, Claim 1 cannot include an R₃ group having an infinite number of carbons, nor enough carbons to form waxes.

The specification is alleged to be indefinite also based on the term "aralkyl". As noted above, however, aralkyl is clearly defined in the specification.

Finally, the priority statement has been updated as requested.

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